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TOPIC Finow Airfield

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REMARKS

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1. Between 14 and 18 July 1953, detonations were repeatedly heard from the direction of Finow airfield. It had been rumored in Eberswalde that, after the evacuation of Werneuchen airfield, Finow airfield would also be vacated.¹

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2. On 17 July until after nightfall, air activity by swept-back jet fighters was repeatedly observed in the vicinity of the field. During the afternoon, several detonations were heard from the field.¹

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3. The following observations were made at the field between 20 and 23 July:
20 July. Between 8 a.m. and 6 p.m., aircraft practiced flying individually and in elements of twos over the field. There was a closed ceiling. Additional flights which could not be observed were apparently being made above the clouds. Some low-level attacks were made by MiG-15 or U-MiG-15s.
21 July. Throughout the day, aircraft practiced flying individually and in elements of twos underneath the cloud base. Additional flights were heard above the clouds.
22 July. Low-level attacks, flights by individual aircraft and in groups of two were made. There was a 2/10 overcast.
23 July. Between 5 a.m. and 5:15 a.m., an alert was sounded at the field. At 6 a.m., an air force motor convoy loaded with soldiers and who were armed with submachine guns or carbines left the field toward Finowfurth. At 7 a.m., at least 12 MiG-15 or U-MiG-15s took off. At 10 a.m., about the same number of swept-back jet fighters landed at the field. The usual air activity was resumed at 2 p.m. There was a 5/10 overcast.²

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4. Between 2:20 p.m. and 3 p.m. on 14 July, two loud detonations at short intervals were heard from the area southwest of the field. Another two detonations occurred after 20 minutes. At 9 p.m. on 21 July, during which time no air activity was conducted, two detonations could be determined.¹

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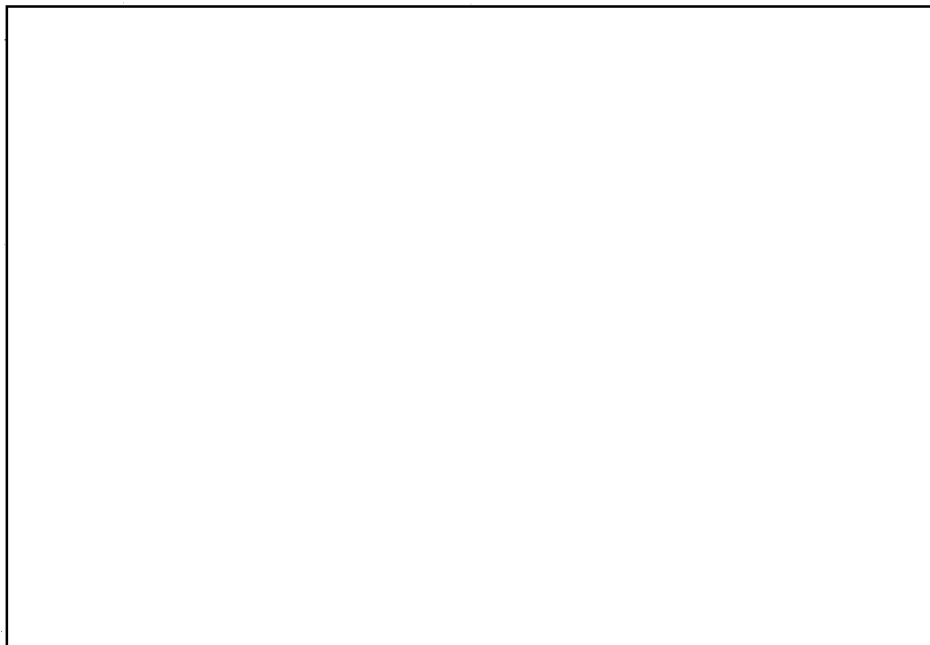
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5. On 14 July, a radar set was observed 1 km south of the Finow-Finowfurth road, in line with kilometer marker 6.2. [] on 21 July [] the set was of a Dumbo type.

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25X1 1. [] Comment. The location and source of the detonations were not determined.

25X1 2. [] Comment. Finow airfield is believed to be still occupied by a fighter division headquarters and two fighter regiments. On 23 July, an alert was probably held during which the march readiness of the QTB was to be tested.

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